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proficiency to operate below 30 MHz. In Ireland, the change means that all Class B licensees now have "Full License" privileges and may operate

on HF. In addition to Ireland, Switzerland, Belgium, the UK, Germany, Norway, the Netherlands, Austria, New Zealand, Singapore and Australia have moved to drop their Morse requirements or are expected to do so this year. We are now behind the times with the Code. We are now competing with Computers and Cell Phones for the younger Generation.. We need to drop the Code to make Amateur Radio more friendly to a growing technical America. As you are aware most Amateur Radio Operators work in some type of Public Service work. paid or unpaid. We have to make the bridge more accesible for our future Office of Emergeniy Services personal, Volunter Fireman, Resque Squids, everything

from our City Christmas Parade to Parking at community Events are by Amateur Radio Operators. All Mock Training, Mock Prison Riots, National Corrections & Law Emforcement Training Centers and Mock Disaster, use Amateur Radio Operators and their main Cordination backbone for their Operations.

We need your help by putting America back on track with other Industial Counties, and take us out of the stone age, The FCC doesn't make you learn how to tap pulse dialing sounds to use a phone, or learn smoke signals to talk to your Grandmother on your cell phone, We do not have a need in this day and age for Morse Code, it is their for those how want to live in the past. But as for a Goverment that as a hole relies heavily on Volunteers. The Droping Of Code is a must...

Thank You.

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